

think peculiar to the South; he would make the Constitution and the laws of the United States applicable to the Confederacy, by appropriating to his own portion the Constitution and the laws of the States which he made. He would take to himself the appeals which he made, and would make the laws of the States by way of reproach to the South. Sir, did the South declare war against Mexico, or annex Texas? No, sir, the North and the South acted together. There was as great opposition to the South as in the North. And whilst I approve of both measures, it is not the use of force to pacify an insurrection, but the use of force to pacify an insurrection, in order that the South may be able to take the oil to themselves—and thus to take the oil from the North. This device is too shallow—no man can see that act of power is the excuse—and all most question the sincerity of a policy which is sustained by such devices. Sir, I invoke the patriotism of all parties in the adjustment of the cause of alienation. I invoke the memory of our fathers, and our regard for present and our future prosperity—and our sense of equal justice—for the final arrangement of the causes of complaint, and the restoration of peace.